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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. As a result of the amendments and election of species presented herein, Claims 1-4 and 6-9 remain pending. Claim 5 has been withdrawn from consideration, and Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to address various matters of form.

Election of Species

In response to the Election-of-Species Requirement mailed on March 20, 2003, Applicants elect Species A identified by the Examiner, corresponding to Figures 3-17. Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are readable on the elected species. The election of species made herein does not limit the applicability of the present claims to cover species other than that elected.

Conclusion

Although amendments and withdrawals have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby. Rather, the amendments and withdrawals are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application, and without prejudice to presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims on the subject matter affected thereby.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended as follows:

1. (AMENDED) An accommodating intraocular lens for implantation in an eye having an optical axis, said lens comprising:

an anterior portion comprised of a viewing element, said viewing element comprised of an optic having refractive power;

a posterior portion comprised of a viewing element, said viewing elements mounted to move relative to each other along the optical axis in response to force generated by the ciliary muscle of the eye;

a retention portion comprised of a first retention member attached to the anterior portion ~~and~~, said first retention member having a free end sized and oriented to contact a portion of the lens capsule such that extrusion of the implanted lens through the lens capsule opening is inhibited.

3. (AMENDED) The lens of Claim 1, wherein:

said first retention member has a fixed end attached to the anterior portion;
and wherein

said retention portion further comprises a second retention member having a fixed end attached to the anterior portion and a free end sized and oriented to contact a portion of the lens capsule, said fixed ends of said first and second retention members being attached to said viewing element of said anterior portion.